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Dear Bill:

I would like to take the occasion of your retirement, after nearly 32 years of exemplary service, to pass on to you my best wishes to you and your wife Joan. Throughout your long and productive career you have demonstrated exceptional professional competence and personal dedication. In fact, I am confident in stating that you have epitomized what an FBIS operations officer should be--enthusiastic, highly knowledgeable, careful of detail, and concerned for his staff.

Of course, I have known you for only a short time. Yet it is clear from your record--and confirmed by those who have known you over the years--that you have been one of the most versatile officers in FBIS. In sum, you've done it all--language officer, editor, analyst, supervisor, and manager. You have held positions in the three traditional FBIS groups in Headquarters, and you have served in an exceptionally large number of FBIS bureaus and units around the globe, beginning with Hokkaido in 1958 and now concluding with Okinawa. You demonstrated exceptionally strong management capabilities in your two assignments as bureau chief, first in Bangkok and then in Vienna. Under your leadership, both bureaus were responsive to Intelligence Community requirements through their high quality and timely reporting on key international events.

As you move now into a new and well deserved stage of your life, you can be certain that you take with you the affection and sincerest esteem of all your many friends in FBIS, staff employees as well as the many foreign national employees with whom you have worked. I know they join me in wishing you and Joan together many happy, healthy, and fruitful years of retirement, and in hoping that we will still see you from time to time at FBIS functions for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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Director

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